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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the grounds of rejection and allowance of the claims.

**A Claim Listing** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.